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SU'3:5: NARCOTICS ARREST CASE OF ALFREDO FLORES

REF: CURACAO 0314, STATE 126101 AND PREVIOUS

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A TRANSLATION OF A LETTER ADDRESSEDN
TOITHE PRIME MINISTER AND MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE NA BY
WILSON GODETT, HEAD OF THE FAR LEFT FRENTE OBRERO PARTY
AND STATEN (PARLIAMENT) MEMBER, WHICH APPEERED IN ALL LOCAL
NEWSPAPERS ON JUNE 13, 1974.

QUOTE : QUESTIONS ASKED BY STATEN MEMBER GODETT TO THE
CENTRAL GOVERNMENT.

1. HAS THE GOVERNMENT BEEN INFORMED THAT A DUTCH
ANTILLEAN WAS KIDNAPPED BY AMERICAN AGENTS ON VENEZUELAN
TERRITORY AND TAKEN TO MIAMI VIA PUERTO RICO;

2. IF ABOVE MENTIONED IS CORRECT, COULD THE GOVERNMENT
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SAY ON WHAT LEGAL BASIS THIS WAS DONE;

3. COULD THE GOVERNMENT INFORM WHAT THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT'S POINT OF VIEW IS IN THIS CASE;
4. DOES THE GOVERNMENT KNOW THAT ALFREDO FLORES HAS DUAL NATIONALITY;
5. COULD THE GOVERNMENT INFORM THE REASON FLORES WAS ARRESTED;
6. IS THE GOVERNMENT WILLING TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION ON WHAT THE ROLE OF INTERPOL NA WAS IN THE CASE;
7. DID THE GOVERNMENT FIND THE WAY THE US AGENTS ACTED LEGAL OR ILLEGAL;
8. IS THE GOVERNMENT WILLING TO TAKE STEPS TO GET FLORES BACK TO CURACAO WITHOUT BEING PUNISHED IN THE UNITED STATES;
9. COULD THE GOVERNMENT INFORM IF THE NETHERLANDS ANTILLES GOVERNMENT OR THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT HAS SENT IN A PROTEST TO THE US GOVERNMENT;
10. IF NOT, COULD THE GOVERNMENT INFORM WHY IT DID NOT PROTEST;
11. IS THE GOVERNMENT NOT OF OPINION THAT ANTILLEAN TRAVELLING ABROAD HAVE NO SECURITY ANY LONGER;
12. WHAT GUARANTEES COULD THE GOVERNMENT GIVE TO ANTILLEAN LIVING ON ST. MAARTIN THAT THEY WILL NOT BE KIDNAPPED AND TAKEN TO PUERTO RICO;
13. IS THE GOVERNMENT NOT OF OPINION THAT THE KIDNEPPING OF FLORES HAS CREATED A PRECEDENT;
14. IS THE GOVERNMENT AWARE THAT DETENTION OF FLORES IN AN US JAIL HAS CREATED AN ANTI-AMERICAN CLIMATE; UNQUOTE.

2. COMMENT: IT IS NOT UNUSUAL THAT GODETT IS TRYING TO EMBARRASS THE GNA IN THE FLORES CASE AS HE OFTEN SUPPORTS THE ANTI-US CASTRO LINE AND USES EVERY OCCASION TO NEEDLE THE GNA ON MATTERS IN WHICH THE US IS INVOLVED. GODETT USUALLY IS THE FRONTMAN AND TOOL IN THE HANDS OF OTHERS IN SUCH CASES AND IN ALL PROBABILITY WAS PUSHED INTO THIS CASE BY THE LAWYERS OF FLORES. THE AFFAIR HAS SO FAR STIRRED LITTLE OR NO POLITICAL COMMENT BUT NOW IT CAN BE EXPECTED THAT FLORES' SUPPORTERS, INSTIGATED BY HIS LAWYERS, AND ANTI-US GROUPS WILL ATTEMPT TO USE IT FOR POLITICAL PURPOSES. CONGEN DOUBTS THEY WILL HAVE MUCH SUCCESS.

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3. THE VISIT OF NA ATTORNEY GENERAL LOUIS NAHR TO THE US (SEE CURACAO'S 0314) ON THE CASE WAS ORDERED BY THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE OF THE NA TO OBTAIN INFORMATION WITH WHICH TO ANSWER GODETT. NAHR ALSO MENTIONED THAT THE LEFT WING NEWSPAPERS IN HOLLAND MAY BE EXPECTED TO TAKE UP THE CAUSE OF FLORES IF FOR NO OTHER REASON THAN TO NEEDLE THE USG AND KEEP UP POLITICAL PRESSURE IN THE NA AND HOLLAND.

4. CONGEN IS SURPRISED ALTHOUGH THE CASE HAS APPEARED IN NEWSPAPERS IN THE NA AND IS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN IN THE VENEZUELAN NEWSPAPERS, THAT IT HAS SO FAR SEEN NO NOTICE OF IT IN US PAPERS. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF THE CONGEN IS INFORMED IF THERE IS ANY MENTION OF THE MATTER IN THE US NEWSPAPERS OR IN HOLLAND.
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